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SUBJ: YAR PRMIN VISITS EGYPT: EGYPT COOL ON ARAB SUMMIT

1. JUNE 16-19 VISIT TO EGYPT BY YAR PRIMIN ABD AL-AZIZ
ABD AL-GHANI RECEIVED ONLY MINIMAL COVERAGE IN CAIRO
DAILIES, DESPITE MEETINGS BY YAR DELEGATION WITH PM
SALIM AND PRES SADAT. FACT THAT YAR DELEGATION MET
AT AIRPORT BY DEPPRIMIN FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND
SERVICES HAFIZ GHANIM, RATHER THAN SALIM OR FONMIN FAHMY,
SET TONE OF ABD AL-GHANI VISIT, WHICH PLAYED IN LOCAL
PRESS AS PRIMARILY DEVOTED TO BILATERAL MATTERS. ABD
AL-GHANI PRESENTED SADAT WITH MESSAGE FROM YAR PRES
HAMDI, BUT CONTENTS NOT DIVULGED. JOINT COMMUNIQUE,
PUBLISHED JUNE 19, NOTES THAT EGYPT WILL SUPPLY YAR
WITH NECESSARY TEACHERS, DOCTORS, AND TECHNICIANS AND
WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE YEMENIS WITH OPPORTUNITY
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TO STUDY IN CAIRO. PASS REFERENCE IS MADE TO RED
SEA SECURITY, NORMALLY A MAJOR ITEM OF EGYPTIAN CONCERN,
AND "FULL AND ABSOLUTE" SUPPORT OF YAR FOR EGYPT'S
ARAB POLICIES DULY RECORDED.

2. COMMENT: BONE OF CONTENTION BETWEEN GOE AND YARG,
WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE OVERSHADOWED ABD AL-GHANI MEETING,

IS YAR CALL FOR ARAB SUMMIT ON LEBANON, WHICH HAS BEEN PICKED UP BY LIBYA, WITH QADHAFI URGING TRIPOLI AS VENUE FOR SUMMIT DISCUSSION OF ALL ARAB PROBLEMS, EGYPTIAN PRESS STUDIOUSLY IGNORED YAR CALL FOR SUMMIT DURING ABD AL-GHANI VISIT (ALTHOUGH FRONT PAGE SQUIB JUNE 18 DID INDICATE THAT YAR PRIMIN TOOK UP QUESTION WITH AL SECGEN MUHMUD RIAD), BUT AS SOON AS YEAR DELEGATION SAFELY OFF TO DAMASCUS JUNE 19, EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN ISSUED COMMUNIQUE NOTING THAT EGYPT SAW NO NEED FOR URGENT SUMMIT, SINCE ALL ARAB CHIEFS OF STATE WERE IN CONTINUOUS CONTACT AND SUMMIT REQUIRED CAREFUL PREPARATION. ABD EL -GHANI PROBABLY OBTAINED BILATERAL AGREEMENTS HE SOUGHT WITH EGYPT, BUT FREEZE ON PUBLICITY FOR VISIT PROBABLY DESIGNED TO WARM YARG THAT GOE DOES NOT APPECIATE YAR INTRUDING ITSELF INTO EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN OR LEBANESE SITUATIONS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THIS APPERS TO SERVE INTERESTS OF QADHAFI. PREDICTABLY, EGYPTIAN PRESS MENTION OF CALL FOR SUMMIT CITE YAR, NEVER LIBYAN AS ORIGINATOR OF PROPOSAL.

3. SINCE REGULAR ARAB LEAGUE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 3, GOE MAY PLAN ARGUE POSTPONE SUMMIT UNTIL AFTER FONMIN ROUTINE SEMI-ANNUAL TOUR D'HORIZON.
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